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Application Number	10/611,535
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First Named Inventor	Levy et al.
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1204 84	2204 42	" Reissue independent claims over original patent
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1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action			
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		First Named Inventor	Georges Levy
		Art Unit	2121
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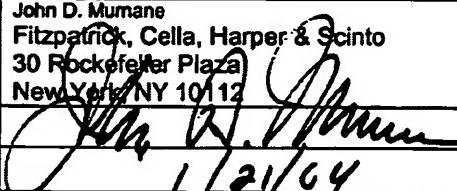
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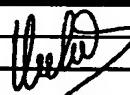
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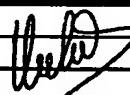
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WHEREAS, Michelin Recherche et Technique S.A., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Country of Switzerland, and having an office for the transaction of business at Route Louis Braille 10 et 12, Granges-Paccot, Switzerland, CH-1763, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any improvements thereon, and in and to the said application for Letters Patent therefor, and any Letters Patent which may be obtained therefor;

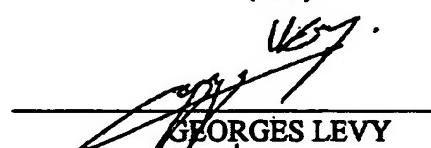
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AND WE, the said, GEORGES LEVY and NICOLAS FANQEAT for the considerations aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said Michelin Recherche et Technique S.A., its successors and assigns, that we have the full power to make this assignment, and that the rights assigned are not encumbered by any grant, license or right heretofore given, and that we, our executors or administrators, shall and will do all lawful acts and things and make, execute and deliver without further

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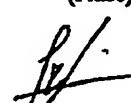
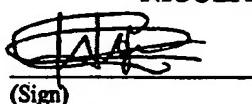
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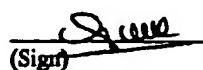
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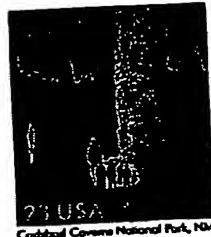
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